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1. The Praha-Karlin plant of Tesla National Corporation is located in a five-story building at 84-86 Sokolovska Street. The plant is laid out as follows:

Ground floor	Turners' shop, soldering shop, milling shop, storeroom, shipping room
Second floor	Polishing shop, raw materials storeroom
Third floor	Production and assembly shops for telephone apparatus
Fourth floor	Assembly shops for switchboards
Fifth floor	Offices

2. The plant employs about 1,200 men of whom about 150 are clerks. Among the production workers about 20 percent are Communists; among the clerks, about 5 percent. The factory militia consists of about 30 men, all active Communists. The militia is armed with pistols. Leading personnel in the plant include:

Manager	Souhrada, a Czech, 35 years old, 170 cm tall, weight about 70 kgs, dark brown hair, a Communist.
Head of the Security Department	Novak, a Czech, 40 years old, about 168 cm tall, weight 70 kgs, black hair and partially bald, an ardent Communist.

3. During 1949 telephone apparatus was produced at a rate of 500 per month in addition to switchboards made to the order of the Ministry of National Defense. Special machinery was also manufactured for the production of blades (sic) for export. In November 1949 a special type of telephone exchange was delivered to Emil (sic) airport. Special exchanges were also delivered to the Skoda Works and to the Stalin Works in Most. The following production is planned for 1950:

3,000 pieces of railroad telephone apparatus for the Ministry of Transportation, 6,000 pieces of telephone apparatus for the Ministry of Posts,

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2,000 pieces of telephone apparatus for export to Poland, Bulgaria and Rumania.

4. Pressed metal parts and electromagnets for cut-outs are delivered from the Vitkovice Iron Works. Most of the conductor materials comes from Kablo; high voltage conductors are supplied by Ceskomoravska Kolben Danek and rotary transformers by ERA.* There is a shortage of Swedish steel and platinum. Complete elements of the telephone apparatus are stored in Praha-Liben.
5. The plant could be converted for war production of telecommunication apparatus or high-frequency long distance equipment in about one month. Production could be interrupted by damaging the transformers as the plant does not supply its own electric power.

* Comment: This may refer to the Eta Electrotechnical Plant in Praha.

Attachment: Plan of the area of the Tesla plant in Praha-Karlin

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